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**NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT AND
THE WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
SEARCHING AUTHORITY, OR THE DECLARATION**

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 05 JUL 2005 200313702 WO	Date of mailing (day/month/year) 05/07/2005
International application No. PCT/EP2005/051260	FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below International filing date (day/month/year) 17/03/2005
Applicant HEWLETT-PACKARD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, L.P.	

1. The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority have been established and are transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO, 34 chemin des Colombettes
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35

For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. The applicant is hereby notified that no international search report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority are transmitted herewith.

3. With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

- the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.
- no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. Reminders

Shortly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

The applicant may submit comments on an informal basis on the written opinion of the International Searching Authority to the International Bureau. The International Bureau will send a copy of such comments to all designated Offices unless an international preliminary examination report has been or is to be established. These comments would also be made available to the public but not before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.

Within 19 months from the priority date, but only in respect of some designated Offices, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later); otherwise, the applicant must, within 20 months from the priority date, perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before those designated Offices.

In respect of other designated Offices, the time limit of 30 months (or later) will apply even if no demand is filed within 19 months.

See the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 and, for details about the applicable time limits, Office by Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, National Chapters and the WIPO Internet site.

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NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220

These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the PCT Applicant's Guide, a publication of WIPO.

In these Notes, "Article", "Rule", and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions respectively.

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should however be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims, description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 except where, e.g. the applicant wants the letter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international publication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only.

What parts of the international application may be amended?

Under Article 19, only the claims may be amended.

During the international phase, the claims may also be amended (or further amended) under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The description and drawings may only be amended under Article 34 before the International Examining Authority.

Upon entry into the national phase, all parts of the international application may be amended under Article 28 or, where applicable, Article 41.

When?

Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

Where not to file the amendments?

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 46.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been/s is filed, see below.

How?

Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet must be submitted for each sheet of the claims which, on account of an amendment or amendments, differs from the sheet originally filed.

All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively (Administrative Instructions, Section 205(b)).

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is to be published.

What documents must/may accompany the amendments?

Letter (Section 205(b)):

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confused with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

The letter must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220 (continued)

The letter must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended. It must, in particular, indicate, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application (it being understood that identical indications concerning several claims may be grouped), whether

- (i) the claim is unchanged;
- (ii) the claim is cancelled;
- (iii) the claim is new;
- (iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;
- (v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed.

The following examples illustrate the manner in which amendments must be explained in the accompanying letter:

1. [Where originally there were 48 claims and after amendment of some claims there are 51]:
"Claims 1 to 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 48 replaced by amended claims bearing the same numbers; claims 30, 33 and 36 unchanged; new claims 49 to 51 added."
2. [Where originally there were 15 claims and after amendment of all claims there are 11]:
"Claims 1 to 15 replaced by amended claims 1 to 11."
3. [Where originally there were 14 claims and the amendments consist in cancelling some claims and in adding new claims]:
"Claims 1 to 6 and 14 unchanged; claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added." or
"Claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added; all other claims unchanged."
4. [Where various kinds of amendments are made]:
"Claims 1-10 unchanged; claims 11 to 13, 18 and 19 cancelled; claims 14, 15 and 16 replaced by amended claim 14; claim 17 subdivided into amended claims 15, 16 and 17; new claims 20 and 21 added."

"Statement under article 19(1)" (Rule 46.4)

The amendments may be accompanied by a statement explaining the amendments and indicating any impact that such amendments might have on the description and the drawings (which cannot be amended under Article 19(1)).

The statement will be published with the international application and the amended claims.

It must be in the language in which the international application is to be published.

It must be brief, not exceeding 500 words if in English or if translated into English.

It should not be confused with and does not replace the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and as amended. It must be filed on a separate sheet and must be identified as such by a heading, preferably by using the words "Statement under Article 19(1)."

It may not contain any disparaging comments on the international search report or the relevance of citations contained in that report. Reference to citations, relevant to a given claim, contained in the international search report may be made only in connection with an amendment of that claim.

Consequence if a demand for international preliminary examination has already been filed

If, at the time of filing any amendments under Article 19, a demand for international preliminary examination has already been submitted, the applicant must preferably, at the same time of filing the amendments with the International Bureau, also file a copy of such amendments with the International Preliminary Examining Authority (see Rule 62.2(a), first sentence).

Consequence with regard to translation of the international application for entry into the national phase

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that, where upon entry into the national phase, a translation of the claims as amended under Article 19 may have to be furnished to the designated/elected Office, instead of, or in addition to, the translation of the claims as filed.

For further details on the requirements of each designated/elected Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 200313702 WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/EP2005/051260	International filing date (day/month/year) 17/03/2005	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 20/03/2004
Applicant HEWLETT-PACKARD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, L.P.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

3. Unity of Invention is lacking (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the drawings,

a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 6

as suggested by the applicant.

as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

 International Application No
 PCT/EP2005/051260

 A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
 IPC 7 G02F1/1335 G02F1/1343 G02F1/13357 H05B33/10

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

 Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
 IPC 7 G02F G02B H05B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, IBM-TDB

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	EP 0 296 429 A (INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION) 28 December 1988 (1988-12-28) Application of printed colour filter and TFT-control leads (bus lines) to substrate by so-called decal transfer method column 3, line 10 - line 33 column 4, line 2 - line 57 column 5, line 31 - line 49; figures 1,3 ----- -/--	1-4,10, 11,14,30

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

 Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents :

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- *E* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- *L* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- *O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- *P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- *T* later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- *X* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- *Y* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
- *&* document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

28 June 2005

Date of mailing of the international search report

05/07/2005

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6 127 199 A (INOUE ET AL) 3 October 2000 (2000-10-03)	1-4,10, 11,14,30
A	column 2, line 66 – column 3, line 24 column 15, line 39 – line 54 column 17, line 35 – line 51 column 18, line 21 – line 61 column 19, line 40 – line 42; figures 18,19,22 -----	8,12,15, 16,19,31
A	EP 1 089 113 A (KYODO PRINTING CO., LTD) 4 April 2001 (2001-04-04)	1-4,10, 11, 14-16, 19,30-32
	Embodiment 1 figures 1-10 -----	
A	EP 1 003 354 A (SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION; MINNESOTA MINING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY) 24 May 2000 (2000-05-24)	1,2,5,8, 10-13, 15,18, 30-32
	paragraph '0016! – paragraph '0022! paragraph '0055! – paragraph '0060! paragraph '0065!; figures 1-6,19-26 -----	
A	US 6 304 384 B1 (NISHIKAWA TAKAO) 16 October 2001 (2001-10-16) column 1, line 46 – line 65 column 9, line 38 – line 65; figures 3-6,17 -----	15,16, 18,31
A	US 6 151 085 A (TOMONO ET AL) 21 November 2000 (2000-11-21) second embodiment figures 14-17 -----	1-4,10, 12

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Information on patent family members

International Application No

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Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)		Publication date
EP 0296429	A 28-12-1988	US 4988168 A CA 1299787 C DE 3852720 D1 DE 3852720 T2 EP 0296429 A2 JP 1011230 A JP 1970871 C JP 6097378 B		29-01-1991 28-04-1992 23-02-1995 29-06-1995 28-12-1988 13-01-1989 18-09-1995 30-11-1994
US 6127199	A 03-10-2000	JP 10125931 A CN 1495523 A CN 1199507 A ,C EP 1351308 A1 EP 0858110 A1 WO 9809333 A1 US 6372608 B1 US 2002146893 A1 US RE38466 E1 US 2003224582 A1 US 2004219762 A1 JP 10206896 A JP 2004171001 A		15-05-1998 12-05-2004 18-11-1998 08-10-2003 12-08-1998 05-03-1998 16-04-2002 10-10-2002 16-03-2004 04-12-2003 04-11-2004 07-08-1998 17-06-2004
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US 6304384	B1 16-10-2001	JP 2000131520 A		12-05-2000
US 6151085	A 21-11-2000	JP 3187742 B2 JP 10073807 A KR 257029 B1 US 6078377 A US 6023318 A		11-07-2001 17-03-1998 15-05-2000 20-06-2000 08-02-2000

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (PCT Rule 43bis.1)

		Date of mailing (day/month/year) see form PCT/ISA/210 (second sheet)
Applicant's or agent's file reference see form PCT/ISA/220		FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below
International application No. PCT/EP2005/051260	International filing date (day/month/year) 17.03.2005	Priority date (day/month/year) 20.03.2004
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC G02F1/1335, G02F1/1343, G02F1/13357, H05B33/10		
Applicant HEWLETT-PACKARD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, L.P.		

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1b/s(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. **type of material:**
 - a sequence listing
 - table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. **format of material:**
 - in written format
 - in computer readable form
 - c. **time of filing/furnishing:**
 - contained in the international application as filed.
 - filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. **Additional comments:**

**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

International application No.
PCT/EP2005/051260

**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	5-9,12,13,15-29,31,32
	No: Claims	1-4,10,11,14,30
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	5-9,12,13,15-29,31,32
	No: Claims	1-4,10,11,14,30
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-32
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V.

1 Reference is made to the following documents:

D1 : EP 0 296 429 A (INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION)
28 December 1988 (1988-12-28)

D2 : US 6 127 199 A (INOUE ET AL) 3 October 2000 (2000-10-03)

2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

2.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

Document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document): A method of applying to a display substrate colour elements and addressing busbars in a defined alignment relative to each other, the method comprising: forming said colour elements and said busbars on a surface of a transfer carrier (column 4, lines 44-57); adhering said colour elements and said busbars to said display substrate; and removing said transfer carrier (column 4, lines 21-38).

2.2 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

Document D2 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document): A method of applying to a display substrate colour elements and addressing busbars in a defined alignment relative to each other, the method comprising: forming said colour elements and said busbars on a surface of a transfer carrier (column 18, lines 49-53; (1770), (1400b) and (D1) in figures 18 and 22, respectively); adhering said colour elements and said busbars to said display substrate; and removing said transfer carrier (column 18, lines 54-57; figures 19).

3 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 10

3.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 10 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

Claim 10 is claiming a device as manufactured according to the method of claim 1.

D1 and D2 disclose devices comprising the same technical features as claim 10. Therefore, the subject-matter of claim 10 is not new.

4 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 30

4.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 30 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

Claim 30 differs from claim 1 only in that the colour elements of claim 1 are now specified as light filters. Since the colour elements of D1 and D2 are actually light filters it follows that independent claim 30 is not novel.

5 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-4, 11, 14

Dependent claims 2-4, 11, 14 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty (Article 33(2) PCT).

Both D1 and D2 describe light absorbing filters formed on a planar transfer carrier (colour filter layer (D1: 15); (D2: 1770), transfer carrier (D2: 3000))

6 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 5, 8, 12, 13

The combination of the features of dependent claims 5, 8, 12, 13 is neither known from, nor rendered obvious by, the available prior art.

7 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 15

7.1 Document D2, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

A method of applying to a display substrate colour elements and addressing busbars in a defined alignment relative to each other, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) forming a series of translucent dielectric structures (figure 18, (1600), (3100)) on a planar surface of a carrier (3000), each structure comprising a colour element-receiving surface region ((1702) in figure 19);
(b) forming said busbars (1400b, D1) by an electrically conductive material;
(c) depositing a colour element material on each of said colour element-receiving surface regions to form a series of colour elements (1770);

- (d) affixing said colour elements to a translucent display substrate (figure 5, (180)) by means of a translucent adhesive material (160); and
- (e) removing said carrier (100).

From this, the subject-matter of independent claim 15 differs in that:

- A series of translucent dielectric structures comprising a raised levee,
- adjacent dielectric structures being spaced apart to define a trench there between;
- forming said busbars by at least partially filling each of said trenches with an electrically conductive material;

7.1.1 The subject-matter of claim 15 is therefore novel (Article 33(2) PCT)

The problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as:

In conventional display cells the patterning of colour filters and busbars formed on the same (transfer-)substrate requires in general multiple lithographic steps which make the display production expensive.

7.1.2 The solution to this problem proposed in claim 15 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) for the following reasons:

Since said trenches which finally will be filled with conductive material are simultaneously formed with said dielectric structures both busbars and colour elements are automatically self-aligned.

7.1.3 Claims 16-29 are dependent on claim 15 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

8 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 31

8.1 Claim 31 differs from claim 15 only in that the colour elements of claim 15 are specified as light filters. Accordingly, the argumentation of 7.1 with respect to claim 15 is also applicable to claim 31 which means that the subject-matter of claim 31 is novel (Article 33(2) PCT) and is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT).

9 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 32

9.1 Claim 32 differs from claim 15 only in that:

- the expression "colour element-receiving surface region" is now replaced by "wettable surface regions", and
- the electrically conductive material is now specified as a metal which is deposited by electroplating.

Since these features are neither mentioned nor rendered obvious by the prior art as cited in the search report the argumentation of 7.1 with respect to claim 15 is also applicable to claim 32 which means that the subject-matter of claim 32 is novel (Article 33(2) PCT) and is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT).